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Utopia Festival Filmgoers Cheer Social Change, Nostalgia Films

by Charis Pannell and Kelsey Sutton

Maryland film buffs and Greenbelt locals laughed, cried and reminisced about navigating Europe via wheelchair, visiting North Korea and attending rock band concerts during the ninth annual Utopia Film Festival over the October 19 and 20 weekend.

Festival staff estimated that they filled about 950 seats over the course of the two-day, 43-film festival, according to Susan Gervasi, executive director of the Utopia Film Festival.

"This year was our biggest turnout ever," she said.

Wheelchair Diaries: One Step Up, which played Saturday afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center, received the festival's Utopian Visions Award. The prize is awarded to a film that "fosters the cause of building a better world through film," Gervasi said.

The documentary focused on several men's experiences with handicap accessibility across Europe.

Filmmaker Reid Davenport created the film after being discouraged from studying abroad in Italy. Davenport, who has cerebral palsy, uses a wheelchair for mobility and was told he would be unable to get around.

"*Wheelchair Diaries* was poignant and funny at the same time," Gervasi said.

Davenport hopes to spread awareness about problems the disabled face in the U.S. and abroad, he said.

The film also won the Best Short Documentary Award at the Awareness Festival in Los Angeles.

Led Zeppelin Played Here, a documentary film, was by far the most popular film screened,

Gervasi said.

About 100 people, a handful of whom wore original Led Zeppelin concert T-shirts, attended the screening.

Director Jeff Krulik's first feature-length film explored the legend that the iconic rock band, touring then as the New Yardbirds, performed a concert 20 minutes west of Greenbelt to a crowd of slightly over 50 the night of President Richard Nixon's inauguration. Some of his subjects asserted they were at the concert, while others shook their heads, saying it never happened.

"I was really pleased," said Krulik. "Any time you have a chance to screen your work in a big theater where the audience laughs at all the right places and

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November Gathering at Center Remembers, Honors Veterans

by Charis Pannell

American flags blew briskly in the wind at the Veterans Day Ceremony in Greenbelt on November 11. Audience members, who received flags before the ceremony, gathered at Roosevelt Center to honor veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces.

The ceremony began with prayer and all stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and join the Hometown USA Chorus as they sang the National Anthem.

Before her speech, Mayor Judith Davis introduced representatives from the American Legion, the Greenbelt Police Department and other organizations involved in the ceremony. Davis also introduced

the other city councilmembers in attendance including Mayor Elect Emmett Jordan.

After asking veterans to stand, Davis thanked them for their service as audience members clapped and waved their flags.

During her speech, Davis said, "one day of honor is not enough," and that those who have served and are currently serving in the armed forces should be remembered not only on Veterans Day but every day. Davis also spoke about the need for jobs and affordable housing for veterans and her hope that the federal government meets all needs of veterans and their families.

Maryland Delegate Anne Healey also offered thanks to the

veterans present at the ceremony.

Jordan was one of the five people who laid wreaths at the Greenbelt War Memorial during the event. An honor guard provided a gun salute.

The ceremony concluded with prayer and the audience singing "God Bless America."

Audience member Mary Hooper, whose brother had served in World War II, said that the ceremony is important. "I don't think we'd have what we have now," she said, "if it weren't for the veterans."

What Goes On

Saturday, November 23

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

Monday, November 25

8 p.m., Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tuesday, November 26

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) Meeting, Community Center

Thursday, November 28

and Friday, November 29 – City Offices Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 28

9 a.m., Youth Center, Gobble Wobble Race, Registration Begins 8 a.m.



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Greenbelt's rich tradition of honoring those who have served their country through military service was shining in full color on November 11 in the celebration of veterans. Above, those attending the ceremony at Roosevelt Center listen as Taps is played.

National Education Week November 18 to 22, 2013

In a celebration of American education, these columns will be telling the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Magnolia Elementary School. In coming weeks we will focus on Eleanor Roosevelt High, Greenbelt Middle School, Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Elementary Schools and Turning Point Academy.

Wiggins Has High Praise For Magnolia Elementary

by Morgan Eichensehr



Tanisha Wiggins

She grew up in Virginia and began teaching there several years ago. She said she also taught at two other schools in Prince George's County before ending up at Magnolia. "But Magnolia is by far the best," said Wiggins. She said she likes that the school is so community-based.

Wiggins said she became interested in teaching during college. She took a human growth and development course in which she had to volunteer at

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Magnolia Teacher Enjoys Her Life-long Career

by Morgan Eichensehr



Tanisha Wood

classroom.

"I get to see each student's strengths and how their confidence improves," said Wood. "I see them grow as learners. They begin to enjoy learning because they can, because they've learned the strategies to help them."

Wood said that sometimes

the excess of paperwork that comes with teaching special education can be trying but insisted that it was essential to find the balance between serving her students and fulfilling the other responsibilities that come with the job. She said her current career goal in teaching is to work at a level where the actual teaching outweighs the paperwork.

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A Review

Kennedy and Stevens Show At New Deal Is First Class

by Elizabeth (Betsy) Barber

On November 10 I went to a first-class art show opening at the New Deal Café featuring the work of Barbara Stevens and Dan Kennedy.

Entering the front room of the café, I found Kennedy sitting at a table talking with friends. His paintings reveal his possession of technical skill and he specializes in painting Greenbelt homes in our neighborhood. It is his distinctive ability to capture to perfection the individuality of each house he paints. If you stand in front of one of his works, you can tell exactly where the house is located. If you are a walker, as I am, you are delighted to recognize the roads and pathways, the trees and gardens that make up our Greenbelt community.

Kennedy's works show his fine gift of perspective, vanishing points, getting the distance right, bringing in the clouds and skyline perfectly. Shadows are a big thing with Kennedy. Often they are placed in a dramatic way, leading the eyes, by strokes of lovely greys, blues or light purples, to the featured structure.

In a glass case three sculptures – strong, yet very delicate – are on display. Kennedy explained that they are done with clay and paper and, again, they show his extraordinary ability as an artist. One figure is of two African animals with coats of a lovely grey/brown. The other two are

of graceful birds sheltered in tree branches. These figures are done with the same love of perfection and realistic imagery as are his paintings.

I walked into the second room at the back and found myself part of an explosion of excitement, people and color. Stevens has new pictures, done in the multi-media technique. They are shout-songs of blazing reds, yellows, oranges, greens and blues – each work a triumph of bold, undiluted color. If they had been musical compositions we would have heard a symphony by a composer who knows how to compose jazz, tunes, symphonies and oratorios . . . all of which were singing out an unabashed musical tone poem of radiant color. What a radical turn from the all-green tones of her earlier works!

On the far wall the new paintings, mostly done as collages on canvass, were two large paintings from 1968. There was an interchange between the new paintings and the older ones. The same vibrant color but the larger, older works were of fragmented images, not as condensed as the newer ones.

Julia Wade, curator of the show, again displayed her fine ability in putting the paintings in the perfect place. The walls were balanced with fine sensitivity and knowledge. "There are 40 artists in Greenbelt," she told me.

What a great community we have!

Thanksgiving Week Deadline Changes

Thursday, November 28 is Thanksgiving. The News Review deadline must change that week so the paper can be printed Wednesday, November 27. All deadlines will back up one day to finish the paper in advance of out-of-state printing before the holiday.

Thanksgiving Week the deadline will be Monday, November 25 at 10 p.m.

Notice to All

All copy – ads, articles, photos, letters – must be received no later than Monday, November 25 for the November 28 issue. Any material received after November 25 will be held for the issue dated December 5.

Grin Belt



"So, Mom and Dad, could Turk be my adopted bro?"

Heart-healthy Eating Workshop for Women

On Tuesday, November 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Doctors Community Hospital and the National Coalition for Women and Heart Disease will offer a free Women Heart nutrition support group program with certified dietitian Tanya Johnson on healthy holiday eating. It will be held in the Joslin Diabetes Center in DSE Rooms A and B on the fifth floor of the hospital's North Building, 8100 Good Luck Road, Lanham.

The program aims to help women who have or support someone who has heart disease and those who may be at risk of heart disease make well-educated, heart-healthy decisions.

To register call 301-224-4968.

County Library Now Has Online Streaming

The Prince George's County Library System has announced the availability of a new online streaming service, Hoopla Digital, that is similar to Netflix and will provide library cardholders free online access to thousands of movies, TV shows, music albums and audiobooks.

Hoopla offers titles from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers for streaming or temporary download to smartphones, tablets and computers. To access Hoopla through web browsers, Android and IOS, learn more or register to use the service, go to pgclms.info/hoopla.

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GUTTER CLEANING

Gilbert General Contractor, Inc. and Petria, Inc. have begun fall gutter cleaning and inspections.

The week of November 25-29 work will be in the approximate area between:

The intersection of Ridge and Southway to the intersection of Ridge and Gardenway

During that time, workers will be on ladders around buildings. Please close your window shades to preserve privacy.

You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Thursday, November 21 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m. In the evening there will be an open microphone session with Joe Harris from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, November 22 café regular John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by headliners Frenchy and the Punk with Bohemian folk, world music and French chants from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, November 23 Bruce Krift plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Jelly Roll Mortals take the stage with original semi-acoustic roots rock from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, November 24 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. From 5 to 8 p.m. Ayreheart will combine lute, wooden flutes and hand percussion instruments to produce magical sound.

Next Week

Tuesday, November 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. Tower Green will play Renaissance and fantasy-inspired melodies to the café. Wednesday, November 27 the monthly Cajun Music Jam will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. with audience members bringing instruments and joining in. Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, the café will be closed. On Friday, November 29 Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by WAMMIE award-winning band The Hall Brothers headlining with a mix of rock, blues, country and swing from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, November 30 Greg Meyer's Jazz Jam is 1 to 5 p.m., with all invited to come, join in this community jam session. Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Little Red and the Renegades play zydeco, R&B, funk and Cajun music from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, December 1 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. From 5 to 8 p.m., Cooking with Gas will play acoustic jazz, blues, swing and gospel.

Frenchy & the Punk At Café on Friday

Friday, November 22 will see a return visit to the New Deal Café by a steampunk folk cabaret duo from New York. Frenchy & the Punk will bring Bohemian folk, world music and French chants to local audiences from 8 to 11 p.m.

More Community Events
are located
throughout the paper.

Star Party Planned At City Observatory

Weather permitting, on Saturday, November 23 the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will sponsor a star party at the newly painted City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Field. Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 6 p.m., although telescopes may be set up earlier. Several members will have set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all.

Come enjoy a view of Earth's waxing crescent moon through the 14-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. Several star clusters and nebulae may be seen. ASG members will be available to give advice and answer questions.

The star party will be canceled without notice if it is too cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill unless bringing a telescope. All are welcome. There is no admission charge.

At the Library

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27 and remain closed on Thursday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Storytime for 2 to 5 year-olds will resume on Thursday, December 5 at 10:30 a.m.

For more information call 301-345-5800, visit the Greenbelt branch library or go to the library system website at pgcmls.info to review accounts, renew materials or for other library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

GHI Notes

Friday, November 22, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Monday, November 25, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Thursday, November 28, Office Closed Thanksgiving Day. For emergency maintenance, call 301-474-6011.

Friday, November 29, Office Closed – For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Saturday, November 30, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

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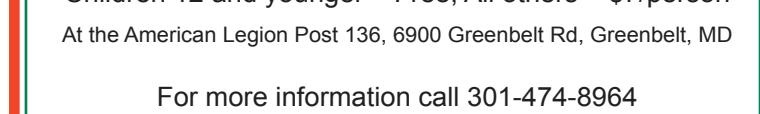
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For more information call 301-474-8964



Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m., two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for November 25 through 29 are as follows:

Monday – Pineapple juice, chicken noodle bake, broccoli, Harvard beets, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday – Orange juice, baked potato, beef chili and shredded cheese, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Wednesday – Orange juice, sliced roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans with pearl onions, fruit cocktail.

Thursday and Friday – All sites closed. Happy Thanksgiving!

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club has had two very interesting programs recently. We had two K-9 officers and a K-9 dog visit us. The trainers gave a very informative talk and then had their dog demonstrate how well-trained it was. To use those much overused words – "It was awesome!"

Prince George's Sheriff Melvin High gave a talk on the duties of the Sheriff's Department. Then members of the department told us about scams and how to avoid them.

Many thanks to Program Chair Suze Marley for these events.

There will be no meeting on November 27, due to the holidays.

On Wednesday, December 4 elections of club officers will be held for 2014. Come out to give them your support. The officers will be installed in June. Thanks to the Nominating Committee for the phone calls and finding volunteers to keep the club active.

Have a happy holiday with friends and family and be thankful for all the blessings we enjoy.

Join the Cajun Jam At New Deal Café

On Wednesday, November 27 a free Cajun Jam will be held at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners; the usual socializing will begin with food available for purchase at 6 p.m. Beginners are welcome.

For more information visit www.newdealcafe.com.



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(!) = No pass, (!!) = No pass weekend

WEEK OF NOV 22

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Hunger Games: Catching Fire, PG-13 (!)

11, 12:30, 2:10, 3:45, 5:20,

6:30, 7, 8:30, 9:40, 10:10

Best Man Holiday, R (!)

11:15, 12:05, 12:45, 2, 3:05,

3:35, 4:50, 5:45, 6:45, 7:30,

9, 9:30

Thor 2: The Dark World, in 3D,

PG-13 (!)

3:20, 9:10

Thor 2: The Dark World, in 2D,

PG-13 (!)

11:20, 12:20, 2:10, 4:50, 6,

7:30, 10:20

Free Birds, PG

11:20, 1:35, 3:45

Black Nativity, PG (!)

10

SUNDAY & MONDAY

Hunger Games: Catching Fire, PG-13 (!)

11, 12:30, 2:10, 3:45, 5:20,

6:30, 7

Best Man Holiday, R (!)

11:15, 12:05, 12:45, 2, 3:05,

3:35, 4:50, 5:45, 6:45, 7:30

Thor 2: The Dark World, in 3D,

PG-13 (!)

3:20

Thor 2: The Dark World, in 2D,

PG-13 (!)

11:20, 12:20, 2:10, 4:50, 6, 7:30

Free Birds, PG

11:20, 1:35, 3:45

Black Nativity, PG (!)

10

TUESDAY

Hunger Games: Catching Fire, PG-13 (!)

11, 12:30, 2:10, 3:45, 5:20,

6:30, 7, 8:30, 9:40, 10:10

Best Man Holiday, R (!)

11:15, 12:05, 12:45, 2, 3:05,

3:35, 4:50, 5:45, 6:45, 7:30, 9,

9:30

Thor 2: The Dark World, in 3D,

PG-13 (!)

3:20, 9:10

Thor 2: The Dark World, in 2D,

PG-13 (!)

11:20, 12:20, 2:10, 4:50, 6,

7:30, 10:20

Free Birds, PG

11:20, 1:35, 3:45

Black Nativity, PG (!)

10

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Black Nativity, PG (!)

11:40, 2:20, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50

Frozen, in 3D, PG (!)

4, 9:45

Frozen, in 2D, PG (!)

11:10, 12, 1:35, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15

Homefront, R (!)

11:20, 2:20, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Hunger Games: Catching Fire, PG-13 (!)

11:50, 3:45, 7, 9:40, 10:10

Best Man Holiday, R (!)

11:15, 12:45, 2, 4, 4:50, 6:45,

7:35, 9:30, 10:20

Thor 2: The Dark World, PG-13 (!)

11:20, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20

Greenbelt Arts Center CONTINUING THIS WEEK

See How They



November 22, 23, 24, 29, & 30

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Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

This year's annual interfaith community Thanksgiving service will be held on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road. It is Greenbelt's tradition that the evening before Thanksgiving Jews, Christians, Muslims, Buddhists and Bahais join to express thanks for the bounty of the harvest at one of the participating places of worship. All are invited to attend.

The Greenbelt Combined Choir will perform for the Interfaith Service at 7:30 p.m.

Hanukkah

This year the date also coincides with the lighting of the first Hanukkah candle for the eight-day Festival of Lights that commemorates the overthrow of an oppressive Hellenistic regime around 164 BCE. The dates came together once before, in 1888, and will occur next in 2070, then 2165. Due to vagaries of the lunar Jewish calendar, another overlap will not occur until the year 76695 – over 74,500 years from now.

The principal address will be given by Mishkan Torah's Rabbi Jonathan Cohen, who will speak about what Hanukkah and Thanksgiving have in common.

Following the service there will be refreshments, including traditional Hanukkah sufganiyot (jelly donuts).

Donations Sought

Donations for the children of Sarah Stewart, whose death was reported in the News Review November 7, can be made by writing separate checks to Ayden Bishop and Nolan Fendlay and mailing them to Steve and Darlene Thompson, 46-K Ridge Road or to Harry and Beth Fendlay at 19-K Ridge Road, both in Greenbelt, MD 20770. Checks will be deposited at Suntrust Bank, which is maintaining trust funds for each child.

– Rick Ransom

City Notes Last Week

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 28.98 tons of refuse and 14.64 tons of recyclable material.

Horticulture/Parks staff assisted Baltimore Washington Partners in Forest Stewardship (BWPFS) to develop a common land conservation framework to identify conservation hubs and corridors for wildlife movement in the BWPFS region. This common map will be the foundation for making the connection between natural resource planning and land use planning at the site, community, county and regional scales.

The gym at the Youth Center has re-opened to the public. The new flooring system has been well received.

Inspire of our struggles, blessings abound.
Greenbelters are asked to ponder about the many things for which they are thankful and share them with their neighbors.
Gratitudes will be published in the Thanksgiving paper.

Evergreen Health Center Co-op to Open in January

by Charis Pannell

The Evergreen Health Co-op will open a health center in Greenbelt in the new year.

The center, to open January 2, will be located at 7501 Greenway Center Drive, Suite 600 and will add to the various cooperatives and health care services already in the city.

According to the Evergreen Health website, the cooperative will provide health care using approaches similar to Greenbelt's original health care cooperative, the Greenbelt Health Association, which was created in 1938 when residents voted for cooperative medicine. The association, which is no longer active, worked to provide low-cost health care to its Greenbelt members for a monthly fee.

According to Matt Jablow, public relations director for Evergreen Health, the new health center will work to reach a similar goal. "Our mission is to provide high quality affordable health care," Jablow said. "We are especially interested in

providing affordable health care to the working class."

The Greenbelt Health Association opened its own clinic in 1938 with 150 member families and eventually a hospital in 1939. Both were located in housing units at 32 Ridge Road in Greenbelt, less than two miles away from the location of the Evergreen Health Cooperative's new center.

Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that although Greenbelt is home to several health care services, like the new Community Clinic at Franklin Park, and although "the whole health care system is up in the air," new services like the Evergreen Health Co-op center could offer service that is "more comprehensive."

The cooperative promises its members more time with their physicians, better customer service and a team approach to health care.

More information about the Evergreen Health Cooperative is at <http://evergreenmd.org/>.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor
Worship Service 10 a.m.



Greenbelt Community Church
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1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)
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Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Clara Young, Interim Pastor

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Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe



PHOTO BY CHARIS PANELL

Wreaths laid last Monday at the Greenbelt War Memorial on Centerville on Veterans Day, November 11.



O ye that dwell on earth! The religion of God is for love and unity; make it not the cause of enmity or dissension. (Baha'u'llah)

Greenbelt Bahai' Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us



St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!

Services

- Sundays
 - 8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
 - 10 a.m. main service
 - (music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
- Wednesdays
 - 7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

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10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Conservative and Reconstructionist

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



Sunday, November 24 at 10 a.m.

Lay Down Your Burdens

Rev. Diane Teichert with Bettie Young, Worship Associate

Solo Dance by Sharon Werth, Director of the Chalice Dancers

As we move from autumn to winter and from our "identity" theme to exploring compassion and justice as our dual responses to the gift of being alive, we invoke compassion for ourselves, our secrets, fears and fallibilities, even as we strive to do the same for others.

Newcomers are invited for informal conversation with the Minister in her office from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.

UM Concert At Riversdale

As part of the fall Riversdale House Museum concert series the University of Maryland Music Fellowship Program will offer a free concert by the U.S. Army Field Band Clarinet Quartet at the museum, 4811 Riverdale Road in Riverdale Park, Sunday, November 24 at 2:30 p.m. Formed in 1989, the quartet is an official ensemble of the Musical Ambassadors of the Army.

The concert is free, although a fee applies for those who tour the historic home prior to the performance. Museum tours are available at 12:15, 12:45 and 1:15 p.m.

For more information, call Riversdale at 301-864-0420 or visit www.armyfieldband.com.

Festival of Lights Opens on Nov. 29

The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation's 25th Annual Winter Festival of Lights for all ages will begin on Friday, November 29 and run through Wednesday, January 1 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. at Watkins Regional Park. This season's drive-through displays feature more than a million twinkling lights.

Bring canned goods for donation to local food banks. There is a nominal fee for each car. The festival is free on December 25.

Watkins Park is at 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro. For more information call 301-699-2456.

CPAE Has Kids' Arts Drop-Ins

There will be two College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) Arts Drop-In programs for children led by Aaron Springer from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, November 23 and 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 24. The Saturday drop-in is being held at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue; the Sunday workshop is at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road. These free arts workshops for children ages 3 to 8 (with adult accompaniment) will focus on Crazy Creature Creations.

For more information email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

THANKSGIVING FEAST

Thursday November 28
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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 25, 2013 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Recycle Right Awards

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Council Reports

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 908 to Update the Charter of the Advisory Committee on Trees
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Designate the City of Greenbelt as a Healthy Eating Active Living City
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of the Removal of an Underground Fuel Tank at the Police Station and Replacement of an Above Ground Fuel Tank at the Public Works Facility from Capitol Petroleum Equipment Inc. at a Cost of \$132,974
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption

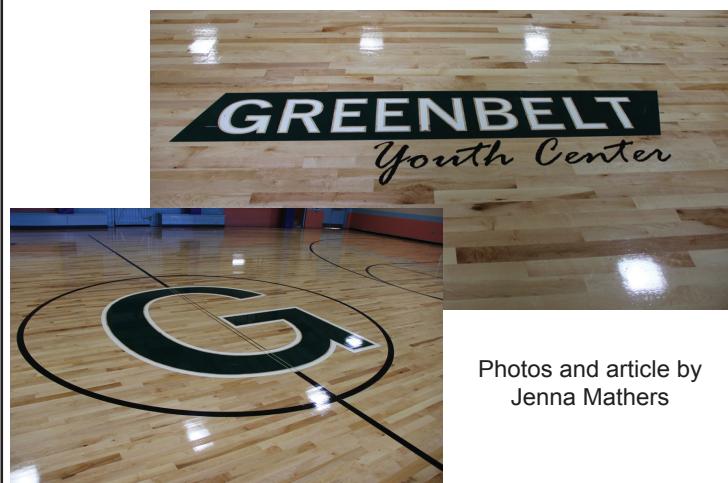
OTHER BUSINESS

- Advisory Planning Board Report #2013-3 (Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan)
- Proposed 2014 Legislative Program
- Refunding Retirement/Pension Accrued Liability
- Other Reports
- *- Employee Special Holiday
- *- Request for Use of City Facilities – Eleanor Roosevelt Grad Night
- *- Resignations from Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

A NEW GYM FLOOR SHINES AT GREENBELT YOUTH CENTER



Photos and article by
Jenna Mathers

The Greenbelt Youth Center has installed a new floor in the gym, now ready for use, and it is set to last for the next 40 years or more!

The previous floor was 52 years old, exceeding its lifespan by two years, but it had been installed as a roller skating rink, a typically hard floor with little give. The new floor, made of spring maple and designed specifically for basketball, now has an air vent system that will control moisture underneath. Two coats of sealers and 5 coats of polyurethane protect the outer layer.

Residents will be glad to know that Greenbelt worked with a Hyattsville non-profit organization called Community Forklift to recycle 11 tons of the old maple and pine floor. The old floor will likely be resold, refurbished and used in another capacity.

Joe McNeil, Assistant Director of Recreation, says that feedback has been positive. "Boys & Girls Basketball will be issuing permits soon. Given the positive feedback on the new floor, the winter season is expected to be busy."

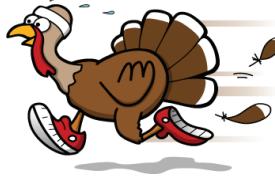
For more information on Greenbelt Recreational programs, visit the city website at www.greenbeltd.gov or call 301-397-2200.

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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Youth Advisory Committee. For information call 301-474-8000.

2013 GOBBLE WOBBLE



Thursday, November 28
9:00am

Race Day Registration begins at 8am Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway

Spend Thanksgiving morning with the Greenbelt Recreation Department as we host the 6th Annual Gobble Wobble 5K race and a 1.5 mile fun run/walk around Buddy Attack Park. Join your family, friends and neighbors in this great opportunity to Get Active before your feast. Registration information 240-542-2194 or at www.greenbeltd.gov. Thank you to Road ID, Greenbelt Co-Op, The Sergeant's Program. Registration form available at www.greenbeltd.gov. Questions? Call 301-397-2200.



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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of November 25

Monday Route – Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule

Tuesday Route - Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule

Wednesday Route – Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule

Thursday Route – Refuse collected on Wednesday

– No Recycling Collection

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 29.

Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES)
Meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2013.
7:30 pm, Community Center

UPCOMING LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Public Works reminds residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street. Please remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Please do not park in front of leaf piles.

November 25 – 27: Lakewood (November 28-29 Holiday)

December 2 – 6: Lakeside, Greenspring I & II

December 9 – 13: Boxwood

December 16 – 20: Woodland Hills and

Greenbrook Village & Estates

Program will continue into January. Full schedule available at www.greenbeltd.gov. Leaf bags available at local hardware stores.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, November 23rd, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Parking lot between City Office and Community Center

Info: 301-474-8308

C.R. Gibbs Lecture Looks At Blacks throughout Past

by Charis Pannell

Africans "did not walk out of Africa empty handed," said historian and author C.R. Gibbs in his lecture November 12 at the Greenbelt Library.

Entitled "The African Presence: Around the World, Past & Present," the lecture focused on the evidence of Africans' travel throughout history. "They didn't just travel by slave ship," Gibbs said.

To support his claim, the historian spoke of ships from ancient Egypt and genuine Egyptian hieroglyphics that have been found in Australia.

Gibbs said that gold and other raw materials probably arrived in Europe during the Middle Ages by means of Africans involved in a trading network during the period.

He displayed images of early graves located in Monte Carlo, where a scientist had found bones of Africans. He detailed the grave of a fourth-century African queen who called York, England, her home. Her remains, Gibbs said, were found with ivory and other African goods that revealed her wealth and title.

Gibbs also showed his audience images of a black trumpeter, John Blanke, who had played for Henry VIII. Gibbs

displayed other artwork showing blacks in different capacities around the world during different eras. The lecturer discussed frequent images of blacks in European family crests as evidence of their early European arrival.

Black General

Gibbs spoke about General Dumas, the black general in Napoleon's army, who fathered Alexandre Dumas, author of The Three Musketeers and The Count of Monte Cristo.

After noting blacks that had traveled to India and the first foreign samurai, a black man who took on the name Yasuke, Gibbs discussed Matthew Henson, the black man who had explored the Arctic.

Audience member Cassandra Hamilton, who became aware of Gibbs and his lectures while she worked in the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, said she was determined to see Gibbs speak. After his lecture, she said, "the spirit of inquiry awakened." Hamilton said Gibbs makes his audience want "more information."

According to the historian, more information is to come because "there is so much more to be found."

Gordon Lecture Explores Reconstruction History

by Morgan Eichensehr

Asa Gordon, a presenter for the African History and Culture Lecture Series, gave a unique account of the Reconstruction Period in United States history, focusing on the role of black Civil War veterans and their efforts to secure citizenship and voting rights after they had been granted their freedom.

The lecture series, founded by historian and author C.R. Gibbs, brings scholars like Gordon to the Greenbelt Library, where free lecture presentations are held on Tuesday nights from September through November. Gordon's "Black Reconstruction" lecture was held on November 5.

The theme of his lecture was that the path our country took after the end of the Civil War was heavily contingent on "the black vote."

Gordon discussed the role of African American soldiers during the Civil War, emphasizing that, ultimately, the Union generals realized they could not win without the United States Colored Troops. Gordon said the struggle of African American veterans did not end, however, after the Civil War was won.

Gordon referenced Frederick Douglass, who famously asserted that slavery was not over "until the black man [had] the ballot." After the war the new focus

of the organizations like the American Anti-Slavery Society shifted to "negro suffrage" and earning the right of blacks to vote.

"This is the role that the black veterans were playing," said Gordon. "They acted as symbols, organizers of communities to achieve this right."

Ellen Utley, retired Greenbelt branch manager, said she really enjoyed the lecture and how it covered a lot of things that people just didn't know or wouldn't have thought about regarding our history.

Major Milestones

Gordon reviewed some of the major milestones of the period in history labeled "Radical Reconstruction," which he said was so named because the idea of members of Congress calling for black voting rights was considered radical at the time. This was the cause President Abraham Lincoln had died for, said Gordon, and one that President Lyndon Johnson worked to promote.

Ultimately, the 15th Amendment was passed and an election held in which, for the first time ever, the President-elect did not earn the majority of the white vote.

"The only reason Ulysses S. Grant won was because of the black vote," concluded Gordon.

Help for Homeless At Bladensburg Sat.

On Saturday morning, November 23, there will be a family Teens & Jeans Walk-a-thon of two, three or five miles for the Homeless at Bladensburg Waterfront Park. Live entertainment, dancers, a high school marching band and refreshments will be provided. Registration, which is free, begins at 10 a.m., with the walk to start at 11 a.m. Advance registration is encouraged by calling 301-779-0271. All ages are welcome.

An activity of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Prince George's County Department of Recreation, the event will be held on the Anacostia Tributary Trail System. Intended to focus awareness on hunger and homelessness, gently-worn jeans of all sizes will be collected for the homeless. Jeans can be dropped off at the walk-a-thon or any M-NCPPC community center in Prince George's County.

Prince George's County students can receive three service learning hours for helping sort and pack donated jeans.

Korean Drumming Group to Perform

The Korean Percussion Ensemble of the University of Maryland, together with professional guest musicians, will give a free performance of Korean drumming in a one-hour concert on Monday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dekelboum Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Seating will be first-come, first-served starting a half-hour before the performance.

For additional information call 301-405-2787 or visit claricesmithcenter.umd.edu, where the program notes can also be downloaded.

Civil Air Patrol Cadets Want New Members

Teens from 12 to 18 years of age who have an interest in aviation and emergency services are invited to join the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. Through this aviation-based leadership training program, young people will develop leadership skills, learn about aviation and participate in search and rescue missions. Activities include flying, camping, first aid training and an international Aviation Cadet Exchange.

The Civil Air Patrol, an official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide.

The College Park Squadron meets the first four Wednesdays each month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Hap Arnold Center, 1909 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, at the College Park Airport in College Park. To learn more visit MDcap.org or call 1-800-359-2338.

WIGGINS

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a school.

"I had so much fun," said Wiggins. "I think I just said, 'Okay, I want to do this.'"

Wiggins said her favorite part of her job is the relationships created between her and her students. She said they are all different and unique.

Her personal goal is to continue to grow and do more creative things in her career and with her students and ultimately to leave a "lasting impact on their academic experiences."

Well-rounded

"I would like my students to be able to become well-rounded and be able to compete academically and socially globally with any of their peers," said Wiggins. "I want them to be able to go to Hungary and be at the top of their class."

She said there can be frustrating parts of teaching too – specifically time constraints. She said that sometimes she would like to get more into a lesson but she is unable to due to timing. But Wiggins also said she likes to try and keep her classroom fun and exciting.

"I probably sing some sort of throw-back song to my students every day in my lessons," she said.

She laughed and said she was impressed that a student recently even joined in with her to sing Kris Kross' "Jump."

In her free time, Wiggins said she likes to read, shop and exercise.

Wiggins said she was excited to be recognized for Education Week. She said she thought it was important that outstanding teachers and school staff members be honored somehow.

"We put so much time, effort and energy into our jobs and our children," said Wiggins. "Even a simple 'thank you' is always appreciated."

WOOD

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Wants to Teach

"I want to teach," said Wood. "I don't want to move up or be an administrator or anything like that. I just want to teach."

Wood said that currently she also wants to work to help increase teacher knowledge of various student intervention techniques and different learning strategies that teachers can use in the classroom to help students who may be struggling. She said these kinds of things are important to special education but can also help teachers in other classroom settings to deal with student issues on a daily basis.

When she is not teaching, Wood said she is usually spending time with her family. Wood, who has been married for 15 years, met her husband in high school. They have been together for 23 years in total, she said.

Her two sons play football, basketball and are on the track team and she said she is usually doing things for them as a team mom for their activities.

"Either that or I am with my daughter at the gym," said Wood. "A good amount of my time is spent with my kids and their sports."

Wood said she has always had a passion for teaching and plans to continue doing it for quite some time. She said she is grateful for the recognition she has received for Education Week and thinks it is important, especially for schools like Magnolia Elementary.

"Our students want to be recognized for their effort and hard work too," said Wood. "And things like this are a good way for parents to see that we are doing a good job for their kids and to say 'congratulations.'"

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The Saga of the Beaver Wars: Throw 'em Out, Let 'em Stay

by Kelsey Sutton

Coexisting may be hard for married couples, siblings and archrivals, but apparently it is just as hard for tree-lovers in Greenbelt and tree-eating beavers at Buddy Attick Park to live in harmony.

"I get emails complaining about the beavers," said Brian Townsend, horticultural supervisor at Greenbelt's Public Works.

A clipboard posted to the fence near one of the more attractive trees in the park had pages filled will comments of residents who support relocating the beavers and those who wanted them to stay. All comments were anonymous.

"The cute beaver family is here to bring down as many trees as possible. It's their job. Our job is to save the trees . . . Beavers bring down young and old trees alike: please stop the carnage," one resident wrote.

"Beavers were here way before you were. How would you like it if you were removed from your home? I say leave the damn beavers alone," wrote another resident. Townsend noted that "beavers are kind of territorial." "You can only have so many beavers per square mile of waterways," he said.

The beavers were once relocated to a nearby wildlife facility but due to overcrowding they are unable to take in



anymore.

"Our attitude is if the beavers take down certain trees it becomes unsafe. We actually take those trees down and lay them on the ground," Townsend said. We leave them there and allow the beavers to come and use the branches for food and for damming."

Another solution being implemented is fencing off certain trees with a fine-screened durable wire that keeps beavers out.

"We have budget restraints . . . we can't do all the trees we want so we try to do as many as we can. As we see more beaver activity we will fence some of those areas too," Townsend said.

He cautioned, however, that if all the trees are fenced the beavers will find someone's

nearby property to damage.

Tree destruction is the biggest concern for those residents who would rather see beavers relocated than to suffer the loss of trees at the lake.

"Live long in a forest. Not here," wrote one resident.

"Leave the beavers alone . . . put protective screens on to the trees to save them," penned another.

"This year the beavers have been extremely active" compared to last year, Townsend said.

He said the beavers will remove more trees. And they'll have litters. Their babies will stay in the area for a year before they move downstream to another area.

Despite criticism, the beavers are beneficial to the community because they create areas for water saturation and prevent water erosion with the creation of their dams.

A solution Townsend came up with that might sit well with both groups is to limit the beaver population with animal birth control.

"I think there's a way to manage this whole problem . . . I do not want to see the beavers go and I do not want to see the trees go. So it will take creative thinking. I think Greenbelt can solve this problem," said resident Jean Newcomb.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

**Friday, November 22, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
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Takoma Park**

**Friday, November 29, 12:30 to 6 p.m.,
American Legion Post #136, 6900 Greenbelt Road,
Greenbelt**

**Monday, December 2, 2 to 7:30 p.m.,
Laurel Regional Hospital, 7300 Van Dusen Road,
Laurel**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2 to 7:30 p.m.,
Capitol Cadillac, 6500 Capitol Drive,
Greenbelt**

**Friday, December 13, 12:30 to 6 p.m.,
Greenbelt Recreation Department, Greenbelt
Community Center, 15 Crescent Road,
Greenbelt**

**Thursday, December 19, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.,
Sport Automotive, 3101 Automobile Boulevard,
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**Thursday, January 9, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
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Robbery

November 13, 1:43 a.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive. A pizza delivery person walking back to his car after making a delivery saw a man near his car. A second person approached the driver from behind and placed what the driver believed to be a gun to his back and demanded his coat. The delivery driver gave him his coat and both men fled on foot towards Cherrywood Terrace.

November 13, 2:04 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A cab driver said the man he picked up in Langley Park and took to the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive produced a handgun upon arrival and announced a robbery. He took the cab driver's cell phone, money and a GPS unit and fled the scene on foot.

Reckless Endangerment

November 13, 6:25 p.m., 6800 block Landon Court. Unknown person(s) fired an unknown type of gun at two homes. No one was injured. A witness saw a vehicle described as a red Impala with several men inside in the area at the time of the shooting. Another person saw a man running from the general area at approximately the same time. It is not known if he or the persons in the Impala are connected to the incident. An investigation is continuing.

Arrest

November 9, 11:26 p.m., Beltway Plaza. A 57-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with second degree assault after allegedly striking a man in the face with a cane during an argument. The man refused medical treatment for his injuries. The woman was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

November 13, 6:12 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. A 36-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with second degree assault after he allegedly punched another person several times during a verbal altercation. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. The other person refused treatment for minor injuries.

Unattended Child

November 8, 3:23 p.m., Beltway Plaza. A 43-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended after three children were observed alone in a car. The children, ages nine, two and one, were not injured. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

November 9, 4:16 p.m., Beltway Plaza. A 37-year-old

nonresident woman was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended after a four-year-old child was found wandering inside the Target store. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

DWI/DUI

November 11, 5:08 a.m., Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Road. A 27-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop.

Theft

November 13, 5:00 block Cherrywood Terrace. A witness saw four men and one woman approach a postal vehicle, force the door open, enter it and remove several parcel boxes. They then fled on foot.

Burglary

November 7, 2:14 p.m., 8100 block Burkhart Court. A woman said that when she got home the day before, she saw a man climbing out of her living room window. He fled in a vehicle described as a white truck being driven by a second man. Nothing appears to have been taken.

November 8, 4:52 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A video game player, notebook computer and iPad were taken. Unknown person(s) entered the home by tampering with the front door lock assembly.

November 9, 7:13 p.m., 6100

block Breezewood Drive. A television, two laptop computers and personal papers were taken. A person seen leaving the home is described as a man with a muscular build wearing a blue sweater and light colored blue jeans.

November 11, 6:26 p.m., 7000 block Mathew Street. Jewelry was taken. Entry was gained by forcing open the basement door.

Vehicle Crime

A 4-door 2004 Ford Explorer stolen from the 7800 block Mandan Road was recovered the same day in Beltsville by Prince George's County police. It had been burned. The tags on the

vehicle at the time of theft, Md. 7BD4382, were not recovered and are listed as stolen.

A 2-door 2000 Mercedes Benz stolen from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace was recovered in Fairmont Heights before it was reported stolen. No arrests were made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the 7900 block Mandan Road (rear Md. tag 5EJC28) and in the 6100 block Breezewood Court (stereo equipment).

Vandalism was reported in the 7400 block Greenway Center Drive where unknown person(s) spray painted a vehicle.

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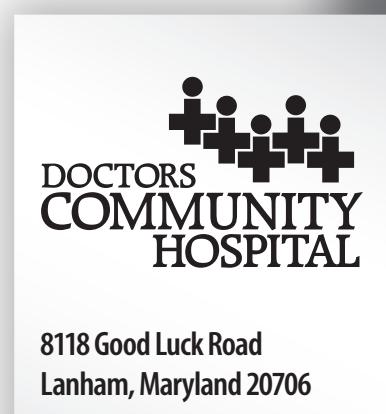
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Community Offers Ideas at News Review Forum

by Marat Moore

More than 50 Greenbelters filled the back room of the New Deal Café on November 10 for a community forum organized by the board of directors of the Greenbelt News Review (GNR). The purpose of the forum, moderated by Assistant Editor Altoria Bell Ross, was to update the community on the newspaper's financial challenges, review its rich history in the city and gather ideas for the future from readers who care about the long-term sustainability of the paper.

News Review staff reminded those attending that the paper is at a crossroads. Community newspapers across the country – and even major papers like The Washington Post – are threatened by the loss of advertising and have had to make some drastic decisions.

The GNR staff chose to go to members of the community directly to talk about how to move forward and to solicit their help in approaching area businesses where they shop to promote the benefits of advertising in the News Review.

The ideas generated at the forum will be considered by the board at a January meeting for possible follow-up action.

History

The Greenbelt News Review has a unique history and, as a cooperative enterprise, a structure unlike other newspapers in the country. The publishing cooperative was organized in 1937, the year of Greenbelt's birth, and has been distributed free each week to all residents of the city for 76 years.

Mary Lou Williamson, long-time editor of the GNR, recalled the most dramatic event in the newspaper's history, the long legal battle against a \$2 million lawsuit brought by a developer against the newspaper in 1966. The battle ultimately involved the entire community and ended in a landmark First Amendment victory in the U.S. Supreme Court in 1970. The case expanded the right of newspapers to comment on public figures.

A Freedom of the Press Committee was formed and sought contributions with a statement saying that "seldom in our lifetimes are we privileged to make a direct contribution to protect one of our basic freedoms." In one night \$14,000 was pledged by Greenbelters who had little money to spare.

Finances

Advertising dollars cover the paper's publishing-related expenses and have been steadily falling, reported Business Manager Mary Halford. In 2012 the paper's losses totaled \$23,000. "Voluntary subscription" donations from readers have brought in approximately \$10,000 but expanded advertising is necessary for long-term survival. This year's income statement for the first six months looks better but is still marginal, with a small surplus due to the receipt of voluntary contributions.

Interns

One exciting development this year is the addition of a training program for interns from the University of Maryland. Emcee

Ross praised the contributions of 13 current interns, three of whom were present and participated in the forum.

"Young people are the future of the paper," she said. The interns have been writing articles this fall and the program will continue until next summer. The program is funded by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

Advertising

A new advertising committee was formed this year, chaired by News Review member Sylvia Lewis, who told the group that although a 16-page issue is the ideal length for a diversity of stories, current advertising revenue doesn't cover the cost of a 12-page paper.

"That's where you come in," she told the crowd, pointing to the list of current advertisers. "If you do business with these advertisers, stop in and thank them for advertising in the News Review. If your favorite places to shop or your doctor or other professionals you see regularly are not on the list, let them know they're missing a terrific promotional opportunity."

Greenbelter Barbara Havekost had success with this strategy, Lewis said. She went to a Beltsville business that hadn't advertised and urged the owner to advertise to let residents know that the business existed. She went back with a copy of the newspaper, and a News Review volunteer followed up and made the sale.

She added that advertisers have praised the positive impact on their businesses from their ads in the News Review. Testimonials will be gathered from these advertisers for future outreach efforts.

Brainstorming

A broad-based discussion was held, facilitated by this reporter, to gather ideas to create a strong future for the paper. Among the ideas were the following:

- Form a nonprofit "Friends of the Greenbelt News Review."
- Create a web-based community calendar.
- Publish a community calendar in the print issue with upcoming events for two to four weeks out, supported by ads sold at a premium.
- Create specialized advertising inserts.
- Recruit writers and publish stories from Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West.
- Launch a planned giving program. Donors could give through their wills or make the GNR the beneficiary of life insurance policies.
- Expand the GNR's online presence. Consider creating a blog, LinkedIn and Facebook pages, with digitized stories that could be posted individually online.
- Knowledgeable students from the University of Maryland could be recruited to help upgrade the website and digitize online content. Students in multimedia classes in the journalism department could be

contacted for this project.

The last segment of the forum brought attendees to a flipchart with colorful sticky notes, listing their favorite local businesses and services in the area including College Park, Hyattsville, Beltsville, Laurel and, of course, Greenbelt.

Readers wishing to add their ideas for the future (or potential advertisers) to the list being considered by the GNR board of directors can email maratmoore@gmail.com. Put "GNR Ideas" in the subject line.

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City Notes

Planning staff worked on a Program Open Space application for the Community Center HVAC project.

Public Works staff met with a contractor regarding natural gas pumps.

The Springhill Lake Recreation Center gym floor refinishing was completed and the gym is now open.

Aquatic and Fitness Center staff continued to research weight equipment which is due for replacement in Fiscal Year 2014 and will try out different equipment at several facilities.



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A Review

Stories in Films Present Compelling Human Drama

by Sandra A. Lange

Serious, sad, light-hearted and quirky were some of the films presented at this year's Utopia Film Festival. Flying Paper showcased Palestinian children living in the Gaza Strip who feel imprisoned by the Israeli blockade which restricts their movements. Some 51 percent of Gaza's 1.6 million population is comprised of children under the age of 18. Economic deprivations, overcrowded housing, lack of food, poor sanitary conditions and inadequate schools and health facilities are just a few of the problems affecting these children.

Yet the joy and pride of 13,000 children shine through as they assemble on a beach in northern Gaza for the 2011 Summer Games. They are there to fly their kites and to break the Guinness World Record for the most people flying kites from a single location on a single day.

In My Kashmir, filmmakers focused their camera on Kashmir, a territory in northwestern India. Kashmir historically has been the subject of bitter fighting between Pakistan, India and China. There are both territorial and religious disputes. The Kashmiri people want to be free and form their own state. However, as the film points out, this is unlikely to occur. Told from the viewpoint of a Kashmiri student writing his doctoral thesis, My Kashmir offers insights into the tragedy of war and a people who want to be free of their oppressors.

A Girl Like Her tells the story of several teenage girls living in

the 1950s and 1960s who were forced by their families and the social mores of the time to give up their babies for adoption. The stigma of being an unwed mother was too much to bear for the parents of these mostly middle-class white girls. If they were to be accepted back into the family fold and if they were to continue their education in high schools and colleges, they could not keep their babies. Many suffered from guilt and depression for the rest of their lives. Of the 100 women interviewed for the film, 30 never had another child. A few women – now in their 60s and 70s – were in the audience and expressed their never-ending desire to know the children they gave up. They never felt that they "abandoned" their babies.

Perhaps the least satisfying film seen by this reporter was ManDove, said to be "an ancient rite of manhood in Islamic Java." The film suffers from lack of editing (the camera wobbles at times) and an uneven script. The story centers on a contest taking part in a large field where doves are hung in cages from large poles and sing in a particular way. At the end of the 65-minute film, there is a winner of the singing contest. One loser, however, complains bitterly that his bird quit singing, spooked by the camera which the man claims looks like a cat. The film ends on this strange note.

All in all, the films were provocative and, in most cases, well-attended. We look forward to next year's presentations.

A Review

Utopia Film Festival Links Two Far-ranging Films

by Eli Flam

On Saturday afternoon, October 19 at Old Greenbelt Theatre, the Utopia Film Festival screened an intense, locally-made short – From Hell to Here – with an hour-long knockabout tour of North Korea. Disparate though they were, the films reflected Utopia's far-reaching approach and drew applause from the audience.

From Hell to Here, by area director/producer Rachell Shapiro, dealt with combat-primed post-traumatic stress disorder. Seated on a bench by a quiet lake, Robert Mitchell (a Greenbelt resident and vet himself) wrestles with bitter memories about the many deaths he caused as a Vietnam observer who called in strikes and attacks. A young man joins him and concludes that maybe he needed to forgive

himself. (An on-screen sentence says a Vietnam vet commits suicide every 30 minutes.)

The young filmmaker of DPRK: Land of Whispers, Matt Dworzonyczk, intersperses footage of North Korea, from Pyongyang to Mt. Paektu and the Ulim waterfall, with his often light-hearted observations. Not surprisingly, tour guides keep the lid on most of the time against any real contact with the populace, though Matt never says die. Utopia's program weighs in: "North Korea lies somewhere between a 1930s Soviet Union frozen in time and a dark, futuristic vision of society . . ."

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gives a lot of positive feedback . . . I was thrilled."

Despite a technical difficulty 15 minutes into the screening, during which the projectionist had to re-sync the video and audio, audience members laughed and cheered throughout the screening. After the screening, most audience members were convinced of the concert's legitimacy.

Led Zeppelin Played Here took almost five years to produce, said Krulik.

The documentary will "ultimately be available on the really small screen – the Internet," he said.

A 34-minute animated film, System Preferences, received the Eleanor Roosevelt Prize for Creativity. Anya Belkina's film told the story of her late grandfather, the Soviet inventor of the computer that sent Sputnik into space and brainchild of Russian and American microelectronics.

Drawn From Water won Utopia Film Festival's Best Short Film award. The documentary, directed by Nick Calback, chronicled an Ethiopian tribe's tradition to drown children who exhibit signs of the "minge" or curse.

"This is a film that needed to be made and at the end of the film we see that it brought about change," Gervasi said.

The festival's Best Young Filmmaker award went to Matthew J. Evans, who completed his film, Quest For Peace, when he was 16 years old.

Evans interviewed Arun Gandhi, grandson of the famous nonviolent protester M.K. Gandhi, and other religious leaders to talk about violence among religions and how to instead promote acceptance and cultural understanding.

The Utopia Film Festival carefully reviewed almost 130 films before selecting over 40 to screen around Greenbelt. The Festival Committee selected films based on their quality and their adherence to the festival's theme, "Seeking a Better World Through Film," Gervasi said.

The festival screened other films that ranged from kid-friendly animated shorts to documentaries about art and community-building to foreign films.

Out of the Fire, a documentary about wood-fired pottery, attracted local artists.

Potters Janet Evander and Gina Mai Denn, who work at the Greenbelt art studio, had their own wood-fire pottery on display at the screening of the documentary.

Out of the Fire captured the four-day wood-firing process where potters use a wood burning kiln to harden pots, jars, plates and other vessels. The film described the process as "painting with ash and fire."

At the question and answer



Potter Kevin Crowe, the subject of the film Out Of The Fire.



Local Greenbelt potters brought their wood-fired pottery for display.

other problems veterans face after combat, she said.

Robert Mitchell, a veteran who lives in Greenbelt, played the lead in From Hell to Here.

"I enjoyed the whole [filmmaking] process," he said.

Also screened was DPRK: The Land of Whispers, a one-man documentary shot by Matt Dworzonyczk.

The film focused on the director's trip to North Korea, where he examined the social and economic state of the people under the communist regime. The film, which already won Best Narrative Feature at the 2013 Third World Indie Film Festival in San Francisco, received warm praise by Greenbelters.

"The Korean one was very thought-provoking," said Greenbelter Sandra Roberts, who saw both films.

From Hell to Here was "very meaningful and powerful," she said.

Greenbelters who missed the festival will be able to watch selected films via Greenbelt Access Television Station on FIOS Channel 19 or Comcast 77.

To volunteer for next year's festival, email utopiafilmfestival2013@gmail.com.



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Filmmaker Rachell Shapiro, From Hell to Here.



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